

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet having a front side;

a belly panel releasably connected to the cabinet and operable to move to a cover state where a portion of the front side of the cabinet is covered by the belly panel and an exposed state where the portion of the front side of the cabinet is uncovered when the belly panel is positioned away from the cabinet;

a symbol row display meansdevice configured to display a plurality of symbols for a player to arrange the symbols;

an operation input meansdevice comprising a lever or a button to be operated by the player to play a game;

an internal lottery meansdevice configured to carry out an internal lottery of the game with a random number;

an illumination meansdevice configured to illuminate a tray formed on ~~a~~the cabinet of the gaming machine;

a transparent member placement part attached to the portion of the front side of the cabinet; and

a transparent member detachably disposed between the illumination meansdevice and the tray,

wherein, when the belly panel is in the exposed state, the transparent member placement part is operative to slidably receive the transparent member and, when the belly panel is in the cover state, the transparent member is slidably received by the transparent member placement part such that the transparent member is positioned between the belly panel and the portion of the front side of the cabinet thereby retaining the transparent member substantially immovable therebetween.

2. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent member comprises: a bottom member configured to transmit light from the illumination meansdevice; a rear member fixed to the bottom member

substantially at right angles therewith; and a side member fixed between the rear member and the bottom member.

3. (Original) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent member is formed of a plastic member.

4. (Original) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent member is sandwiched and fixed between the cabinet and a belly panel fitted into the cabinet.

5. (Original) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent member is colored.

6. (Original) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent member is decorated with a decoration including at least one of a character, a sign, and a design.